

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 278  
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Paul Thaxton, 1997 Salutatorian of  
Friendship Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Paul Thaxton is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as salutatorian of the 1997 class at Friendship Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Paul has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, Paul Thaxton has earned an exceptional 97.50 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, he is very involved in extracurricular activities, as evidenced by his participation in the United States Air Force Summer Scientific Seminar, the congressional Youth Leadership Conference, Boy's State, the Wilson County Youth Leadership Committee, the Community Park Volunteer Building Program, the Food for Families Program, the St. Jude Children's Hospital Bike-a-thon, the North Dakota Sioux Indian Reservation Church Mission, and the French II ACIS trip; and

WHEREAS, Paul has received numerous honors and accolades, including the NASA Aviation Challenge Red Flag Award, membership in the National Honor Society, the Key Club,

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the Varsity Football and Basketball teams, the All-Mid-State and All-Region football first teams, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He is also the recipient of the Basketball Academic Award, History Award, Chemistry Award, Health Award, Biology Award, English Award, Physical Science Award and senior superlative "Most Intelligent"; and

WHEREAS, Paul's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven F. Thaxton, his sister, Stefanie, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Paul Thaxton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1997 Friendship Christian School salutatorian, Paul Thaxton, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.